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In re application of:

JIRA et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2003, kindly enter the following remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time and fee therefor are filed herewith.

REMARKS

The Examiner sets forth a restriction between the Groups I – II as set forth in the above-referenced Restriction Requirement.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to antiviral vaccines comprising one or more heat-inactivated viral antigen, with traverse. All of the groups relate in some manner to antiviral vaccines; and therefore, there is not a substantial burden of an additional search in order to examine all the claims of the invention.

The Examiner also sets forth a species election requirement as set forth in the above-referenced Office Action.